



This monthly newsletter contains information on meetings, conferences, trainings, available grants and loans, relevant Web sites, job opportunities and miscellaneous information. Input and feedback are appreciated. For more information, contact M. Castain (415) 972-3264; email castain.maria@epa.gov or visit Web site: http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/indian/newslet.html

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Tribal Program Newsletter

HONOR the KLAMATH TREATY of 1864 – Bring the SALMON Home (Kathy Hill, Klamath)

Meetings and Conferences



Three public meetings will be held to brief interested parties and solicit public comments on the draft guidelines for the Sierra Nevada-Cascade Conservation Grant Program. To view a copy of the draft guidelines, visit the California Resources Agency Web site at <http://resources.ca.gov/bonds.html> For more information or a paper copy of the guidelines, call (916) 653-5656. The meetings will be held as follows:

Jan 11 Nevada City, CA
Jan 12 Susanville, CA
Jan 24 Bishop, CA



Jan 19 Feather River Tribal Health Clinic, Oroville, CA

This clinic will focus on (1) the consultation regarding preservation of Native American traditional cultural places in the local government land use planning process, and (2) meaningful and productive consultations between planning officials and California Indian tribes so that prehistoric, archaeological, cultural, spiritual, and ceremonial places can be identified and cooperatively protected. For more information, contact Cuauhtemoc Gonzalez, Local and Tribal Intergovernmental Consultation (SB18) Training Program State Clearinghouse, Governor's Office of Planning and Research, 916 445-0613 or email cuauhtemoc.gonzalez@opr.ca.gov

Jan 24-25 Tribal Relations Symposium for Executive Leaders, Fort McDowell, AZ

This symposium will provide techniques needed to work collaboratively with tribal and federal government leaders; to strengthen and expand government-to-government collaboration and partnerships and to build workforce capacity within the agencies to enable employees in tribal relations. For more information, contact Kathy Pedrick, Symposium Coordinator, (623) 580-5568 or email at Kathy_Pedrick@blm.gov

Feb 7-9 Regional Tribal Operating Committee (RTOC) Meeting, Gila River, AZ

Contact Lilia Dignan (415) 972-3779 or email Dignan.lilia@epa.gov

Mar 26-29 21st International Conference on Solid Waste, Philadelphia, PA

Researchers, educators, government officials, students, consultants, managers, and community leaders with expertise in solid waste are invited to submit papers for oral presentation at this conference. For more information, please write or call Dr. Ronald L. Mersky, Conference Chair, Department of Civil Engineering, Widener University, 1 University Place, Chester, PA 19013-5792 U.S.A (610) 499 4042 4461, solid.waste@widener.edu.

May 7-11 5th National Monitoring Conference: Connecting for Clean Water, San Jose, CA

The conference is hosted by the National Water Quality Monitoring Council and will highlight how various networks – including monitoring designs, information exchanges, and the Internet – connect all of us working for clean water. EPA and USGS are members of this council. This conference will provide an expanded national forum for volunteer monitoring program coordinators to exchange information, develop skills, and build better networks. If you have questions about the conference or would like to be placed on a mailing list, contact the 2006 Monitoring Conference Coordinator at (410) 356-8993, email at NWQMC2006@tetrattech-ffx.com or visit their Web site at <http://www.nwqmc.org>.

Apr 11-13 Regional Tribal Operating Committee (RTOC) Meeting, San Francisco, CA

Contact Lilia Dignan (415) 972-3779 or email Dignan.lilia@epa.gov



May 8-12 National Environmental Partnership Summit, Atlanta, GA

Region 4 will host this summit. This year's theme is about learning and creating opportunities for environmental stewardship - *Stewardship in Action: Our Responsibility, Our Environment*. The sponsors particularly would like to expand the participation of other groups and organizations that have not actively participated in previous summits. Information on this summit can be found at Web site: <http://www.environmentalsummit.org/>

May 16-18 Tribal Drinking Water Training Conference II, Reno, NV

For more information on this conference go to: <http://plpt.nsn.us/conference/>



Aug 1-3 Regional Tribal Operating Committee (RTOC) Meeting, Elko, NV



Oct 30-31 Regional Tribal Operating Committee Meeting, San Francisco, CA

Contact Lilia Dignan (415) 972-3779 or email Dignan.lilia@epa.gov



Nov. 1-3 14th Annual Tribal Conference, San Francisco, CA

For more information, contact Hillary Hecht at (415) 972-3790 or email Hecht.hillary@epa.gov. Additional details will be sent as they become available

Training



Jan 9-11 Western Region Energy-Water Needs Assessment Workshop, Salt Lake City, UT

More information is available on the Energy-Water Roadmap Web site: <http://www.sandia.gov/energy-water/>. This Web site also provides the mechanism for on-line registration. Contact Sherri Nicole Thomas, (505) 277-0551 for more information.



Jan 23-24 Financial Management Workshop, Davis, CA

This is a two-day workshop with its curriculum divided into three modules. The National Tribal Environmental Council (NTEC) proposes a financial capacity development project targeted at tribal fiscal operators, program and utility managers, and council and governing boards, to build tribal financial management capacity. The project proposes to focus on tribal self management of the financial systems needed to administer grant and other financial resources that will help each participating tribe to protect present and future resources. For more information, contact Sarah Golden (714) 393-2505 to email srthomson5@netscape.net. This course will be repeated on January 25-26.



Jan 22-26 38th Annual Arizona Economic Development Course, Tucson, AZ

This is an overview course for tribal leaders and program directors on initiating and managing economic development activities on the reservations. For more information, email bobmcnichols@rezbuilders.com

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)



Mar 13-17 Emergency Management Framework for Tribal Governments, Washington, D.C.

This course provides tribal leaders and representatives with a basic understanding of emergency management principles and their roles in leading and directing their tribes in developing and implementing comprehensive emergency management systems. The course is free and lodging will be provided. A roundtrip flight from home to Baltimore/Washington, Dulles, or Washington National is reimbursable and transportation between airports and the campus will be provided. Your only expense would be a one-week meal ticket, which is \$90. If you are interested, contact for Linda Straka (301-447-1162; Linda.Straka@dhs.gov).



Apr 10-13 Mitigation for Tribal Officials

This course provides a 1-week overview of FEMA's mitigation programs. Students should have some familiarity with FEMA, in terms of its overall programs. Starting May 2005, states or tribes that don't have an approved mitigation plan are not eligible for certain kinds of FEMA assistance after a disaster. Tribes can either work through the county in which their tribe is located or develop their own state-level mitigation plan (in some states, like California, tribes cannot go through the county or state and must develop their own state-level plan). The contact for this class is Dawn Warehime (301-447-1309; Dawn.Warehime@dhs.gov).

The Nielson Environmental Field School

Courses are specifically designed to meet the training needs of environmental consultants, contractors and laboratory staff, government agency environmental staff, federal, state, regional, county, city, tribal, industry environmental staff: petrochemical, utility, landfill, manufacturing, mining and others. For more information, contact us at info@envirofieldschool.com or visit the following Web site: <http://www.envirofieldschool.com>



Jan 10-12 Advances in environmental site characterization and modern technology, Tampa, FL

Learn more about this exciting event by visiting <http://www.envirofieldconference.com>

Penn State University

Penn State Wastewater Biology courses stress a biological approach to wastewater operations and are designed for operators, technicians, and engineers involved in the daily operation and troubleshooting of wastewater treatment processes. For more information, visit <http://www.outreach.psu.edu/C&I/WastewaterBiology/>



California Indian Health Services

Feb 7-9 Water Disinfection and Fluoridation for Small Water Systems, Sioux Falls, SD

Apr 25-27 Water Disinfection and Fluoridation for Small Water Systems, Phoenix, AZ

These courses provide maintenance personnel with necessary skills and knowledge to effectively disinfect and fluoridate small community water supplies. Lessons include an overview of EPA regulations, chemical safety, treatment processes, field analysis, and dosage calculations. Hands-on exercises will emphasize maintenance and trouble-shooting of chemical feed pumps. To register online go to <http://www.opheng.ihs.gov> and fill-out the nomination request form. If you have questions, call David E. Robbins (760) 735-6891



Water Environmental Federation

Feb 8-9 Public Meeting on Designated Uses and Use Attainability Analysis, Chicago, IL

This is “save the date” notice. For more information, please contact Pat Harrigan at (202) 566-1666 or email at harrigan.patricia@epa.gov

Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals at North Arizona University (ITEP/NAU)



Jan 24-27 Air Monitoring Data Management (Level 3), Las Vegas, NV



Jan. 31-Feb 3 Educational Outreach for Air Quality Professionals, (Level 1), Lawrence, KS



Feb 7-9 Meteorological Monitoring (Level 3), Las Vegas, NV



Feb 14-17 Introduction to Tribal Air Quality (Level 1), Lawrence, KS



Feb 28 – Mar 2 Air Toxics Monitoring (Level 3), Phoenix, AZ



Mar 13-17 Management of Tribal Air Programs and Grants (Level 2), Reno, NV



Mar 27-31 Air Quality Computations (Level 1), Flagstaff, AZ

As with most ITEP courses, ITEP will pay for participants' travel and lodging as well as reimburse them for their per diem expenses. For more information, please contact Todd Barnell, (928) 523-3840 (phone); (928) 523-1266 (fax) or www.nau.edu/itep

Radon Training Courses



Jan 9-13 Measurement and Mitigation, Colorado Springs, CO

Mar 10-11 Measurement, Colorado Springs, CO

These courses will satisfy the requirement for certification with either the National Environmental Health Association's Radon Proficiency Program (NEHA-NRPP) or the National Radon Safety Board (NRSB) and any states with certification programs. It will also be necessary to pass an exam, which will be offered at the end of each course. For more information, contact the University of Colorado 1 (877) 723-6607.



EPA Region 9 and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

Jan 31 – Feb 2 Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP), Sparks, NV

This free workshop is designed for tribal staff involved in, or has future plans for, natural resource and/or water quality monitoring programs. For more information, call Robert K. Hall (775) 574-0101 or email hall.robertk@epa.gov.

Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) and the State of California, Department of Health Services, Drinking Water Program.

For information call RCAC, (916) 447-9832, ext. 279. or go to <http://www.rcac.org>

Research Training Institute

For a schedule of their training, please call (706) 951-5685 or visit <http://www.RTI.org>

Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars

A brochure for training seminars for January – March 2006 is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047 (505) 281-9884 or visit: <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)

Feb 28-Mar 2 First-Ever Clean Water Act/NPDES Inspector Workshop, Denver, CO

The workshop's agenda was developed by a committee of senior inspectors from the ten EPA Regions and the HQs Office of Compliance (OC) in Washington, D.C. and designed to increase knowledge of NPDES permits and regulations, field inspection capabilities, knowledge of wastewater processes and environmental management systems, and improve the exchange of information between the inspectors in the ten regions and Washington, D.C. Field exercises also have been developed to provide hands-on training in various aspects of NPDES inspection work. To get all the details and to register, go to <http://www.netionline.com> and click on the Catalog and Schedule button.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) courses provide information and skills necessary to prepare and review environmental assessments and environmental impact

statements as mandated by NEPA and EPA's review and comment mandate under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. The courses are open to newcomers to the NEPA program, associate NEPA reviewers, environmental reviewers from other federal agencies and as a refresher course for more experienced staff. If you have any questions, call Arthur Totten (202) 564-7164; fax: (202) 564-0072; email: totten.arthur@epa.gov

NETI, in cooperation with EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, is pleased to present a new Web-based class, "Introduction to the Underground Storage Tank (UST) Program and Basic UST Inspector Training Courses" (UST 901). These courses are designed to meet the training requirements for inspectors under EPA Order 3500.1. They orient new employees, provide refresher training, and supplement annual training for the UST program. Topics include preparation for field inspections, on-site equipment inspections, compliance records review, purpose and goals of the UST program, history of the UST program, financial responsibility requirements, and the federal UST regulations.

Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA)

To obtain more information on ITCA courses call Deborah Patton at (602) 258-4822

Grants and Loans

Financial Opportunities from the Western Regional Office, Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

EERE financial opportunities for tribes are managed by the Golden Field Office and detailed on the Tribal Energy Program Web site. This program provides financial and technical assistance to tribes for feasibility studies and shares the cost of implementing sustainable renewable energy installations on tribal lands. Relevant financial solicitations can be found on the funding opportunities page. All of these Web sites are on:

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/financing/>



Native American Congressional Internship Program, Morris K. Udall Foundation

The Native American Congressional Internship Program provides Native Americans and Alaska Natives with an insider's view of the federal government. The ten-week internship in Washington, D.C., places students in Senate and House offices, committees, Cabinet departments, and the White House, where they are able to observe government decision-making processes first-hand. Application deadline is January 31, 2006. In 2006, the Foundation expects to award 12 internships on the basis of merit to Native Americans and Alaska Natives who are college juniors or seniors, recent graduates from tribal or four-year colleges, or graduate or law students; and have demonstrated an interest in fields related to tribal public policy, such as tribal governance, tribal law, Native American education, Native American health, Native American justice, natural resource protection, and Native American economic development. For program guidelines and

application materials, visit the Morris K. Udall Foundation Web site.
<http://fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/5000911/udall>

Tribal Clean Air, Region 9

EPA, Region 9 requests applications for the Tribal Clean Air Act Grant Program. This program funds tribal air pollution control programs and projects which support tribal air quality assessment and the development of tribal air program capacity. Projects must serve Indian Country belonging to over 140 federally recognized tribes in AZ, NV, and CA. \$2.3 million is expected to be available and up to 30 awards are anticipated. Responses are due by January 13, 2006. For more information go to: <http://www.Fedgrants.gov/Applicants/EPA/OGD/GAD/EPA-R9-AIR-06-002/Grant.html>

Integrated Waste Management Board

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Programs provide funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project with a limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant. Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts and Native American tribes may apply. There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and reviewed on a quarterly basis. General information and an application package are available on Web site: www.ciwmb.ca.gov/LEACentral/GrantsLoan/FarmRanch/ or by calling (916) 341-6316

Environmental Education Grants

U.S. EPA requests proposals for the Environmental Education Grants Program (EEGP). EEGP supports environmental education projects that promote environmental stewardship and help develop aware and responsible students, teachers, and citizens. \$3 million is expected to be available and 150 awards are anticipated. For more information, contact Diane Berger at (202) 564-0451 or go to: http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants_sol2006.html .

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDM)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requests applications for the PDM Grant Program. This program provides funding for implementation of cost effective projects, such as buyouts of flood-prone buildings, construction of safe rooms, elevations of homes located in the floodplain or making structures more earthquake resistant, prior to disaster events. \$150 million is expected to be available and 225 awards are anticipated. Only state or territorial emergency management agencies are eligible to apply as primary applicants, however, sub applicants are eligible to apply through these agencies. Responses from state/territorial management agencies are due January 17, 2006. For more information, go to: <http://www.fema.gov/fima/pdm>.

EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans available to Tribes

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or “seed money” to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities, and individuals, for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state’s program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the U.S. EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

Indian Country Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Multi-Year Cleanup Initiative

EPA Region 9 recently announced the Indian Country LUST multi-year cleanup initiative. Using LUST trust funds, EPA will pay for site assessments and cleanups on LUST sites on tribal lands. EPA has contracted a Native Alaskan-owned firm, Bristol Environmental, to assist with the work. EPA has identified more than 200 LUST sites on the lands of 17 different tribes. Further sites may be identified as the work progresses. For more information, please contact Carl Warren, UST Program Office, at (415) 972-3355 or <mailto:warren.carl@epa.gov>

Smart Growth Implementation Assistance

The Development, Community and Environment Division in U.S. EPA’s Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation is seeking applications from communities that want to develop ways to meet environmental community goals. A team of multidisciplinary experts will provide technical assistance to communities that are selected. For more information and application materials call Mary Kay (Santore) Bailey, (202) 566-2859 or go to: http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sg_implementation.html

Indian Health Service (IHS) Web-based Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS)

IHS selects tribal drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste construction projects for funding every year from their SDS list. This list is accessible on the Internet at <https://wstars.ihs.gov> through a Public Login. To review a list of tribal projects on the SDS list, including their relative ranking, select an IHS Area and run a report of the SDS one-line listing. If you know of a tribal infrastructure need that should be included on the SDS list,

but is not, contact your local IHS Office of Environmental Health to learn how the list is updated for your tribe.

Housing and Community Development in California

Grants are available to cities and counties to fund housing and community development activities. Applicants that do not receive Community Development Block Grant Program funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are eligible. Eligible activities include new construction and rehabilitation of housing, community facilities, infrastructures, and public services. A set-aside allocation of funds is awarded to projects serving Native Americans who do not belong to a federally recognized Indian tribe or Rancheria. Another set-aside of funds is awarded to non-entitlement communities (colonias) located within 150 miles of the California/Mexico border. For more information, call Allen Jones, (916) 263-0466 or email ajones@hcd.ca.gov or visit <http://www.housing.hcd.ca.gov/ca/cdbg/>

California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, please visit: <http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at (877) 408-9310.

CALFED Program Proposal Solicitations

Cal/EPA has established the Environmental Justice (EJ) Small Grants Program to assist eligible community-based, grassroots, non-profit entities, and federally recognized tribal governments to address EJ issues as authorized by California Code of Regulations Title 27, Division 1, Chapter 3, Article 1. The EJ Small Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250 thousand) in grant funds are available for this grant cycle. Grant projects may be funded with maximum grant amounts not to exceed \$20,000 per project. The grant term is from November 1, 2005 through November 30, 2006. For more information, visit the Web site at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EnvJustice/Funding/SmallGrants/default.htm>

To automatically receive more information about other CALFED Program Proposal Solicitations go to <http://www.calwater.ca.gov/ListServe/listsab-1.asp?Choice=1>. Contact Dan Ray of the California Bay-Delta Authority, Ecosystem Restoration Program at (916) 445-5243 if you need more information.

California Endowment Program

California Endowment Program awards grants to organizations and institutions that directly benefit the health and well-being of Californians, and those that work to provide and

expand access to affordable, quality health care for California's under served individuals and communities. The endowment offers the following two open application grant programs designed to fund ideas and approaches to health improvements generated at the community level:

- (1) CommunitiesFirst accepts applications year-round and is rooted in the understanding that communities are central to health improvements; and that inclusion, partnership and community ownership are critical to addressing issues successfully.
- (2) The Local Opportunities Fund provides grants of up to \$50,000 to organizations that are addressing important health issues on a local level. Applications are reviewed following deadlines in January, May and September.

For more information concerning the above grant opportunities, please go to <http://www.calendow.org/opportunities/index.stm> or call (800) 449-4149.

Funding Sources for Communities

A grants list of the updated version to the Funding Sources for Communities matrix can be viewed by going to the following Web address:

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>

For more information, call Jessica Counts (415) 972-3288.

Miscellaneous items



Sustainable Earth Initiative (SEI) designated by EPA to help government entities address environmental challenges

Oakland-based nonprofit SEI has been designated by EPA as the Region 9 Local Resource Center, providing Environmental Management Systems (EMS) development and implementation assistance to governmental entities, including cities, counties and tribal governments. EMS is a well established tool to help local governments prevent pollution, operate more efficiently and improve environmental performance within their communities. SEI provides a range of services to local governments including, training, implementation assistance and coaching. SEI co-founders Gary Lucks and Susan Sakaki offer introductory and training workshops, and related implementation assistance to tribal organizations. Call Susan Sakaki at (510) 531-5377 for information on SEI. For information on the EPA program go to www.peercenter.net. For information on SEI: go to www.sustainableearthinitiative.org



EPA Pilot Projects Make Emergency Exempted and Special Local Needs Pesticides Available In Indian Country

On November 1, 2005, the EPA Administrator authorized two findings that will allow growers in Indian country to use the same pesticides for combating pests in emergency situations as growers on neighboring land. In order to test the feasibility of this approach, the Agency is implementing two pilot projects. The first will allow growers in the Yakama Reservation and other Yakama Nation Indian country in Washington State to have access to all pesticides that are approved for use in counties geographically encompassing or contiguous to such Indian country through the emergency exemption and special local needs provisions of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. The second pilot project will allow growers in Indian country nationwide to use emergency exempted and special local needs pesticides that are approved for use in counties geographically encompassing or contiguous to such areas of Indian country against a newly arrived pest species called Asian soybean rust, an extraordinarily destructive fungus that was first discovered in the United States in September 2004. For more information on pesticides that EPA has made available to combat soybean rust, visit <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/> or http://www.epa.gov/oppfod01/cb/csb_page/updates/soybean_rust.html or call Dan Helfgott (703) 308-8054



National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)

NCEH and ATSDR are soliciting interested persons to serve as members on the Community Tribal Subcommittee (CTS) of the NCEH/ATSDR Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC). The BSC is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app.). The CTS is composed of members of NCEH/ATSDR BSC and members representing community and tribal perspectives on environmental health issues. More information on NCEH can be found at (<http://www.cdc.gov/nceh>). Also, you may contact Leslie Campbell, toll-free 1-888-422-8737



Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

"Controlling and Preventing Household Mold and Moisture Problems: Lessons Learned and Strategies for Disseminating Best Practices" is a report prepared for Congress that describes current residential mold and moisture research sponsored by HUD. A housing inspection manual with related software and training materials designed for environmental health specialists and code inspectors was developed, as well as a culturally-specific asthma training program for the Native American community. This report also identifies the factors that make Native American housing more susceptible to mold and moisture problems, for which guides and training programs on mold prevention and detection have been developed, specifically for Native American audiences. A free copy of this document is available online at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/report040105.pdf> or, contact HUD USER, P. O. Box 23268 Washington, DC 20026-3268 1-(800) 245-2691 for more information.



Baseline Needs Assessment

This Baseline Needs Assessment was prepared by the National Tribal Environmental Council and Rural Community Assistance Corporation under a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, working in conjunction with the Region 9 Tribal Caucus and the Region 9 RTOC Drinking Water/Wastewater Subcommittee. For complete details, visit the following Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/bna/>

Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan (SRF) Program.

The State Water Resources Control Board is inviting public comment on proposed amendments to the SRF Loan Policy. The SRF Loan Program provides low-interest loans for the construction of publicly owned wastewater treatment and water recycling facilities, correction of non-point source and storm water drainage pollution problems. The proposed amendments are intended to integrate the concept of sustainability into the SRF Policy consistent with State Water Board Resolution No. 2005-0006. The State Water Board will immediately begin accepting new applications and resume processing those applications that were previously under review. For more information, please go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

Air Quality Permits

EPA Region 9 encourages tribes that want to build small power plants to consult with EPA early in the planning process to determine whether an air quality permit is required. The need for a permit depends on the size of the plant, the potential emissions of the plant (without consideration of air pollution controls) and where the plant will be located. The likelihood that a permit will be required is higher in areas where the air quality is not meeting federal air quality standards, i.e. non-attainment areas. Tribes that want to construct power plants in the following California counties (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino) should be especially aware of the possibility that a permit will be required prior to construction or operation of the plant, since the permitting thresholds based on potential emissions are lower than in other areas. If a permit is required, it takes EPA between 6 to 12 months to issue a final permit after a complete application has been submitted. Since construction of a new plant cannot start until after the permit has been issued, it is important to start this process as soon as possible after it is known that a permit is required. If you have questions or need to get an applicability determination from EPA Region 9, contact Roger Kohn, kohn.roger@epa.gov or (415) 972-3973 or Gerardo Rios rios.gerardo@epa.gov or (415) 972-3974.

Composting Programs

EPA's latest Tribal Waste Journal focusing on tribal composting programs is now in print and available on EPA's Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/tribal/pdf/twj-4.pdf>. The journal highlights tribes that are making great strides in solid waste

management through composting. Read about how these tribes started their composting programs to divert waste, save on waste disposal costs, and nourish land and tradition.

Criminal Investigation Division (CID)

Region 9's Criminal Investigation Division (CID) provides training to tribal governments on investigations of environmental crimes. CID can provide a short presentation on who they are and what they do, or they can provide more detailed classroom training for police officers and regulators on what to look for in environmental investigations. CID can also recommend tribal officers to a two-week training for environmental investigators at the Law Enforcement Academy in Georgia. Tribes wishing to request this training should contact Pam Overman, Tribal Program Office, at (415) 972-3781 or overman.pamela@epa.gov.

Corporation for National and Community Services

The AmeriCorp has volunteers that are available to work with tribes. For more information, please visit the following Web site:

<http://www.nationalservice.org/partners/become/mericorps.html>

Lead Hazards

The Passamaquoddy Pleasant Point Tribe of Maine has a tribal-based environmental protection Web site <http://www.tbep.net> on products that were developed to educate children and their parents on lead hazards. Please feel free to browse and download any of these products. Also look at the Lead Tracker Teachers Manual at <http://www.tbep.net/LEADTRACKER/index.htm>.

The Penobscot Indian Nation has developed a curriculum in conjunction with the University of Connecticut Continuing Education program for 3- 4th graders which encourages students to look out for lead hazards as well as steps to take to minimize exposure to lead. This product is available in English and Spanish. Please feel free to download the manual in PDF formats <http://www.tbep.net/MotherBear/index.htm>. For more information, please call (617)-918-1524 or fax (617)-918-0524.

Community Health Air Pollution Information System (CHAPIS)

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has developed an internet-based mapping tool that allows a look at a map to view sources of air pollution. This system makes information regarding air pollution emissions available in ways that are visual and easy to understand. The air pollutant emission information contained in CHAPIS is for general information. Please consult your local air district for the most recent data available for specific facilities. The CARB should be contacted regarding mobile source emissions. For more information, visit: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/chapis1/chapis1.htm>

Job openings

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) has an opening for an environmental specialist in water quality, an environmental engineer (air quality), and an environmental specialist to educate the community as well as the cultural and environmental services staff about the technical and administrative compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) standards.

Please submit your resume to Ondrea S. Barber, SRPMIC – Human Resources Dept., 10,005 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256 or email ondrea.barber@SRMPIC-nsn.gov. Applicants will be required to pass a pre-employment drug test and fingerprint/background check. Preference will be given to a qualified community member, then a qualified Native American and then other qualified candidates. Applications can be downloaded by going to the SRPMIC's Web site: <http://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/> These positions will remain open until filled.



106 Water Quality Position

The Rocky Boy's Reservation, Box Elder, MT has a full time position for a water quality coordinator. Position closes on January 23, 2006. Applicants must have a Bachelors of Science degree in Water Quality. Duties include working with the Region 8 EPA office to assist the tribe in establishing reservation-wide water quality standards, develop annual work plans and produce grants to allow the program to move forward. A background check will be made and Drug Ordinance 1-99 does apply. Incumbent will be required to work in all weather conditions and will be required to come in on weekends and evenings under certain circumstances. For more information, contact Jim Morsette, TWRD Director, Tribal Water Resource Department, Bonneau Village, RR#1 Box 800, Box Elder, MT, 59521, (406) 395-4225 or (406) 395-4147

Senior Environmental Employee (SEE) Circuit Rider

The See Program has two openings for circuit rider positions in the Solid Waste Division. Tasks include, but are not limited to, the documenting of solid waste problems in Region 9 Indian Country. Frequent travel is required. Applicants must be over 55 years of age. This is a term position for one year. The SEE program is supported by EPA through a grant sponsored by the National Older Worker Career Center (NOWCC). No fees are involved. Benefits include vacation, holiday, and sick leave pay, plus health insurance. If interested, please email your resume to Clancy Tenley, tenley.clancy@epa.gov or Caleb Shaffer, Shaffer.caleb@epa.gov



Environment Program Coordinator, Yurok Reservation

This position is under the general guidance of the environmental director. The incumbent will manage environmental program(s) for one or more of the categorical program areas identified in the final General Work Plan of the Tribe's General Assistance grant or other funding sources as they may develop. All hiring is subject to the Yurok Tribe's Hiring Preference. Hourly rate is from

\$14.75 to 21.07. For more information, please contact: Kevin McKernan, Director, Yurok Tribe Environmental Program, P.O. Box 1027, Klamath, CA 95548 (707) 482-1350 ext. 355

Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs

The 'Approach to Consultation' document is now online:

http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/indian/res.html

http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/indian/consultation-approach-signed-memo.pdf

http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/indian/consultation-approach-final.pdf

http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-a.pdf

http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-b.pdf

http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-c.pdf

Please visit the tribal resource Web page at:

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/grants.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/solid/indianwaste.html>



<http://www.epa.gov/ow/waterplan/tribal/index.html>